

BOARD VOTES TO SUMMARILY SUSPEND LICENSE OF NATHANIEL JOHNSON III, MD

Board issues order of summary suspension, citing imminent threat to public health, safety and welfare

ATLANTA – The Georgia Composite Medical Board today voted to summarily suspend the license of Nathaniel Johnson III, MD (license number 032336). The suspension becomes effective immediately upon the order being served on the respondent. The order is based information the Board received on November 9, 2010 regarding the April 2010 death of a patient under Dr. Johnson's care for a cosmetic procedure. The Board launched an immediate investigation of the incident, and in January 2011, received reliable information that the Cobb County Medical Examiner's report had found the cause of the patient's death to be Lidocaine toxicity from the April 2010 cosmetic procedure. The matter was reviewed by the Board's Investigative Committee on January 6, 2011, and the Board unanimously adopted the committee's recommendation of summary suspension at its January 7, 2011 meeting.

According to Georgia state law, the Board may summarily suspend a license when it finds that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. The licensee has 14 days to request an expedited hearing.

The docketed order of summary suspension may be viewed on the Board's website after 8PM Friday, January 07, 2011 at

<http://services.georgia.gov/dch/mebs/retrieveBoardOrder.do?licenseNumber=032336&boardTypeId=2>.

About the Georgia Composite Medical Board

The Georgia Composite Medical Board licenses over 40,000 health care practitioners and regulates nine different health care professions in the state of Georgia. In addition to licensing these health care professions, the agency enforces the Medical Practice Act by investigating complaints against licensees and determining appropriate administrative legal action when violations occur. The Board is comprised of fifteen (15) members from the state at-large and consists of practicing physicians as well as consumer and physician assistant members. The Board employs a staff of 25, which includes P.O.S.T.-certified investigators, licensing specialists, complaint/enforcement specialists and administrative support personnel. The agency's web address is www.medicalboard.georgia.gov. Its website contains a wealth of information for patients, practitioners and other healthcare consumers.

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